Designated air routes for helicopters

1390. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to chart out designated air routes for helicopters, particularly during their take off and landing, so as to eliminate their queue up at airports and/or mid air hovering on the taxiway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with the present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action to identify the designated area for helicopter operation at Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai Airports has been initiated. Procedures are likely to be worked out subsequently after completion of identification work of the designated area.

Delay in privatisation of Civil Aviation sector

1391. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that process of privatisation in civil aviation sector has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the progress made in this regard;

(d) whether any specific time-frame has been fixed for the completion of process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (e) Private airlines are already operating in the domestic air transport business. As regards privatisation of Air India Limited and Indian Airlines Limited, the Government have decided to keep them out of the disinvestment list. Government have also decided to restructure airports at Delhi and Mumbai through Joint